which dumped imports are found to be causing material injury to the domestic industry.

While anti-dumping investigations on imports of PVC resin, Styrene Butadiene rubber and Bisphenol-A have been initiated at the request of the Indian industry no final decision has been taken in this regard.

Export of Agricultural Products

2662. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of decline in the exports of agricultural products during the current year as compared to the exports during the corresponding period in 1991;

(b) what is the decline in the committed exports of agricultural products to U.S.S.R. after its disintegration;

(c) what is the overall decline in foreign exchange earnings as a result of decline in the exports of agricultural products;

(d) what are the major reasons for the decline of agricultural products in the internationl markets; and

(e) what is the strategy, if any, formulated by Government to step up exports of agricultural products during 1993?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (d) The exports of agricultural products during April-October 1992 are estimated to be Rs. 2743 crores as against Rs. 2322 crores during the corresponding period of the previous year. This reflects an increase of 18%. Exports from this sector to the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) during April-August this year are down to Rs. 89 crores as against Rs. 151 crores during the corresponding period of the previous year.

(e) The main elements of the strategy to step up exports of agricultural products are:—

(1) Increase in production and productivity of important items such as fresh fruits and vegetables;

(2) Improved price competitiveness;

(3) Aggressive marketing in the potential countries through participation in exhibitions, holding of Buyer-Seller Meets and interaction with importers;

(4) Value addition;

(5) Quality assurance programmes.

Exploring New Market for F.C.V. Tombacco

2663. DR YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to explore new export market for F.C.V. Tobacco;

(b) whether it is a fact that the per unit value realisation for our tobacco is much less, as compared to other countries;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps have been taken to redress the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Steps taken to explore new markets for F.C.V. Tobacco include:

—Sending trade delegations to identified new markets of FCV tobacco.

—Participation in International Exhibitions.

—Aggressive publicity in overseas markets.

—Pursuing with Governments through Joint Committee meetings etc. to import Indian tobacco.

—Inviting delegations from tobacco